

### **Remarks**

Claims 5-6, 10-11, 18, 20 and 23 are pending and rejected.

Claims 1, 3, 4, 12, 14, 16, 17 and 22 are allowed.

Claims 5, 18, 20 and 23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Linder et al. (2002/0194385 A1, hereinafter Linder) in view of Michaelis et al. (US 2004/0009751 A1, hereinafter Michaelis) and further in view of Dharmadhikari et al. (US 2003/0065816 A1, hereinafter Dharmadhikari)

Claim 10 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Linder in view of Michaelis in view of Dharmadhikari and further in view of Ayyagari et al. (US 2002/0176366, hereinafter Ayyagari).

Claims 6, 8 and 11 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicants note that in the Office Action Summary, claim 8 is listed as being both rejected and objected to, however, in the Detailed Action the Examiner does not recite any rejection of claim 8 and states that claim 8 is objected to and would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of base claim 5 from which claim 8 depends. Thus, Appellant submits that claim 8 is objected to and not rejected.

Each of the various rejections and objections are overcome by amendments that are made to the specification, drawing, and/or claims, as well as, or in the alternative, by various arguments that are presented.

Entry of this Amendment is proper under 37 CFR 1.116 since the amendment: (a) places the application in condition for allowance for the reasons discussed herein; (b) does not raise any new issue requiring further search and/or consideration since the amendments amplify issues previously discussed throughout prosecution; (c) satisfies a requirement of form asserted in the previous Office Action; (d) does not present any additional claims without canceling a corresponding number of finally rejected claims; or (e) places the application in better form for appeal, should an appeal be necessary. The amendment is necessary and was not earlier presented because it is made in response to